

## GOSPEL REFLECTION FOR THE 32<sup>ND</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



### Giving Our All

Jesus sits down opposite the treasury, and watches the crowd putting money into the collecting boxes. Many rich people put in large generous looking sums, but nevertheless large sums that they can easily afford. Then along comes a poor widow and puts in two small copper coins, doubtless all she has. Jesus points out that because she has given her all, her contribution is worth far more than the rich people's contribution. Jesus teaches us a difficult lesson in generosity.

We have to give until it hurts, whether it's a giving of our money or of our time and energy. If we only give a small part of ourselves then the question we have to ask is, what is it that we are holding back, and more importantly, why? Do we only give a fraction of our resources because we lack faith? Do we hold back from giving because we imagine that the money we give might not reach its intended destination, or that it might not make any difference? Do we hold back because we lack empathy, or have become immune to the plight of the disadvantaged? Do we hold back because we feel we have better ways to spend our money and our time? Do we hold back because we imagine there are plenty of other people better fixed to help out than us? Or do we simply hold back because we feel our own needs should come first?

It would be useful if God advised exactly what percentage of our money and time we should give, but the only clue we are given in today's gospel is that we are judged not by our outward show of generosity, but by what is in our hearts

### Bite Size

"Kindness is just love with its work boots on." (Author Unknown)

### PARISH PRAYER

**Father, pour out your Spirit upon our parish. Grant us a new vision of your glory, a new faithfulness to your Word, and a new consecration to your service; that your love might grow among us and your Kingdom come. Through Christ our Lord. Amen**

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## 8 NOVEMBER 2015 – 32<sup>ND</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY)

### Weekend Masses – Page 155 of Parish Mass Book

Saturday	6.00 pm	Kathleen Carroll
Sunday	9.00 am	The People of the Parish
	11.00 am	The War Dead – Requiem Mass

### Music for Sunday Masses - Setting: Belmont Mass

**Entry** 6pm – *Angelus (said)*; Hymn 862 – He who would valiant be ...

**Offertory** Hymn 720 – Be still, for the presence of the Lord ...

**Communion** *Instrumental Interlude/Sacred silence at player's discretion ...*

**Recessional** 11am – *Angelus (said)*; Hymn 721 – O Lord my God, when I in awesome ...

## CONFESSION/RECONCILIATION - Saturday at 5.30 - 5.55 pm

### Mass Times for the Coming Week (32<sup>nd</sup> week in Ordinary Time) [Psalter Week 4]

Mon	10.00 am	Harry Wilkes - DEDICATION OF THE LATERAN BASILICA
Tue	<b>No Mass today</b>	- St Leo the Great
	7.30 pm	Queen of Peace Prayer Group – in Emmaus Room
Weds	<b>No Mass Today</b>	- St Martin of Tours
Thurs	10.00 am	Donor's Intention - St Josaphat
Fri	10.00 am	Bernadette Buxton (Borthwick) - Feria
	<b>5.45 pm</b>	<b>Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament &amp; Silent Prayer</b>
	<b>6.15 pm</b>	<b>Vespers</b>
Sat	10.30 am	Bernadette Buxton (Bell) - Feria
	6.00 pm	Bernadette Buxton - 33 <sup>rd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

The Parish Newsletter is available to view on the parish website from Friday onward each week; back copies can also be viewed on the website.

**Anniversaries this week:** Bill Bell, Maria Gee, Iris Scott, Doreen Edith Derere, Eileen Monaghan, Edith Howard, Delia Shelley, Nora Teresa Holliday, Fred Moorcroft, Harry Dyer and Hilda Baldry. *May their souls and the souls of all the faithful departed rest in peace.*

**Hospital Visits** – If you or family members are admitted to the Norfolk & Norwich Hospital (NNUH) or Queen Elizabeth II Hospital (QEII), King's Lynn, and would like a visit from the Roman Catholic Chaplain, please call either St John's Cathedral, Norwich (01603 624615) for visits to NNUH, or Fr Peter Rollings (01553 772220) for visits to QEII. If you would like to receive the Sacrament of Anointing of the sick before going to hospital, please contact Fr. Brendan on 01362 694066.

**Sick List - Please pray for:** Michelle Redmond, Joan Blakiston, David Peek, Michael Reavey, Sheila Christie, Robert Nicol, Doreen Kanssen, Shirley Liebenhals, Sarah Chaudri, Ann & Derek Williams, David & Anna Thompkins, Michelle Smith, Rhonda Darby, Collette Barrow-Nessian, Rita Smith and Eileen Brockleby.

**The funeral service for George Marshall** will take place on Monday, 16<sup>th</sup> November at 2.00pm. Deacon Martin will officiate.

**Money Matters** – The collection last weekend was £475.91 and the collection for the St Edmund's Fund was £193.77. Thank you for your continuing generosity.

**Diary Dates for this week** –

- Weds. 11 Nov – UCM meets – 2pm in Emmaus Room
- Sat. 14 Nov – Saturday Club meets - 11.00am in Emmaus Room

**No Mass on Wednesday** next because of a Deanery Meeting in Costessey. There will be a concelebrated Mass at Costessey at Midday for deceased priests of the Deanery.

**Union of Catholic Mothers** - This month's UCM meeting will be held on Wednesday, 11<sup>th</sup> November at 2pm in the Emmaus room. Members are reminded that annual subscriptions of £15 are now due. We are still collecting any new or unused gifts suitable for our Christmas gift stall, proceeds to go to charity.

**The Gold Medal from the Archconfraternity of St. Stephen** has arrived for Patrick Monaghan and it will be my pleasure to present this to him in due course. It has been inscribed with his name and month of presentation. In over thirty years as a priest, I have never known anyone else to receive this medal. Congratulations to Patrick.

**UCM Christmas Cake Stall & Raffle** – An appeal to all UCM members and other generous souls for cakes, jams and other produce to be sold on our stall next weekend, 14<sup>th</sup>/15<sup>th</sup> November, after all Masses. The proceeds of this sale will go to Charity. Mary Shutt will be in the church from 4.45pm on Saturday, 14<sup>th</sup> to receive any donations, or you can just bring them before the Mass you attend. Many thanks in advance for your kind generosity.

**Sacrament of Reconciliation** – The second part of the Sacrament of Reconciliation is Confession. Having examined our consciences, we become aware of our need for reconciliation. We know that by thought, word or deed we have allowed our relationship with God to become damaged. This can happen by the things we did (Commission) or by the things we didn't do which we should have done (Omission), lost opportunities to do good. We name these things that we have become sorry about.

**The Posada** – The list of names is now at the back of the church for those who would like to participate in the Posada. In Ireland, we have a similar tradition for lighting the Christmas Candle on Christmas Eve and placing it in the window as a sign of welcome to the Holy Family on their way to Bethlehem. I have the statue. Please sign up for this.



**Dedication of St. John Lateran - 9<sup>th</sup> November** - Most Catholics think of St. Peter's as the Pope's main church, but they are wrong. St. John Lateran is the Pope's church, the cathedral of the Diocese of Rome where the Bishop of Rome presides. Unlike the commemorations of other Roman churches (St. Mary Major, Sts. Peter and Paul), this anniversary is a feast. The dedication of a church is a feast for all its parishioners. St. John Lateran is, in a sense, the parish church of all Catholics, for it is the Pope's parish, the cathedral church of the Bishop of Rome. This church is the spiritual home of the people who are the Church.

**St. Martin of Tours (c316-397) – 11<sup>th</sup> November** - One winter's night, while Martin was serving with the army, he met a beggar, cold and half starved to death. Having already given away all his money and food rations, Martin had only what he stood up in! He took off his thick army cloak, cut it in two and gave half to the beggar. That night in his dreams, Martin saw Jesus, surrounded by angels, wearing the half cloak he had given to the beggar, and he heard Jesus say, "See, this is the cloak which Martin has given me." In 371 the Christians of Tours, chose him as their new bishop and he remained there for twenty-six years, proving himself a champion of the under-dog and an unflagging and courageous missionary.



***We say the 'Coming Home' prayer at the end of the Bidding Prayers:***

*Loving Father, we pray for those baptised who no longer or rarely attend Church: that they will understand and experience in their hearts that Christ is the source of unconditional love and reconciliation. We pray for everyone who worships in our parish community: that we may find the right words and means to invite our absent brothers and sisters to return to the practice of their faith.*

*We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.*